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1. In addition to the publicized arrests (New York Times, 20 June 1949) of the prominent Hungarians Laszlo Rajk, Tibor Szonyi and Pal Justus, source claims that the following were also arrested on charges of "Titoism" in Hungary:
 - a. Gyorgy Lukacs, a professor of the University of Budapest. He lived in Moscow following the collapse of the Bela Kun regime.
 - b. Lieutenant Colonel Laszlo Marschall, 28 year old chief of the Frontier Police Section in the Hungarian Ministry of Interior. Marschall, a member of the International Brigade in Spain and of the French war-time resistance, is described as having considerable energy and ability despite the lack of all but a rudimentary education. He was a friend of Laszlo Rajk and is reported to have been killed following his arrest.
 - c. Lieutenant Colonel Gyula Oszko, chief of the Personnel Section of the Ministry of Interior. Oszko consulted Hungarian Communist Party officials on all appointments, transfers and promotions within the Hungarian police forces in the provinces.
 - d. Karoly Csereszny, an official of the Ministry of Interior.
2. an additional 51 men, all participants in the Spanish Civil War, were arrested at the same time.

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